

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tatsuo SATO

Application No.: 09/731,669

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For: GAS REPLACEMENT METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD
AND APPARATUS

Attn: Box Missing Parts

Docket No.: 108079



**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
WITH DECLARATION AND TRANSLATION**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (copy attached) mailed on February 22, 2001, submitted herewith are the executed Declaration of the inventor and, upon information and belief, an accurate translation of the application. Any specification attached to and referenced in the Declaration is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the Office in order to obtain a filing date for the application.

Attached is our Check No. 118393 for ☒\$260.00 ☐\$195.00 (entitlement to small entity status is asserted) for the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e) and §1.17(k).

Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities and fully satisfy all requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts. Examination and allowance of this application in due course are respectfully solicited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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